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Complain Better

Rule # I

Habakkuk 1:1-11 • Message 1

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- We tend to emphasize the bad.
- We feel powerless.
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Habakkuk's Complaint (Hab. 1:1-4)

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Complaint:

- I'm **CRYING** out to you, and you do **NOTHING**!
- I see injustice and violence, and it's **YOUR FAULT**!
- Even your **LAW** is twisted toward **EVIL**!

God's Answer (Hab. 1:5-11)

God says two things:

- Watch: I'm doing something you can't see or **UNDERSTAND**.
- I'm planning to use **INJUSTICE**.

God's deeper hint:

"I'm **STILL** in **CHARGE**."

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